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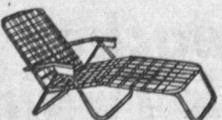


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GIANNI'S DREAM TAKES SHAPE

Al Gianni, pioneer Torrance resident, and Susie, his Great Dane, watch the outlines of his shopping center go up.—Press Photo

## Al Gianni's Dream of Building Own Shopping Center Coming True

A man's dream to build a neighborhood shopping center in Torrance is coming true, literally, right in his own backyard.

Al Gianni, who has lived in Torrance since his arrival from Italy in 1908 at the age of seven, is now watching his dream become a reality.

Every morning Gianni is up bright and early supervising the construction of the shopping center at Arlington and 182nd st.

The stores are going up on four of five acres of land which Gianni once purchased. His home and "barnyard" are located on the adjoining one acre.

"I began thinking seriously of building the shopping center in 1949 when I asked that the land be rezoned for commercial purposes," Gianni explained. "Everybody laughed at me then. They said that there was nothing there. Do you know, when I bought the five acres I paid a total of \$4500 for them. Just recently I turned down an offer of \$90,000 for the site."

Gianni looks back nostalgically at the past.

**Big Boom**  
 "When I was a child I used to hunt jack rabbits where the city of Torrance is now. But I always felt that the area would boom some day. I knew it would but I really didn't expect this!"

Gianni, who owned the Gianni Packing co. in Vernon, sold it in 1955.

"This shopping center is all I want now," said Gianni, who used to own other sites in Torrance. "I sold everything but this site and I'm putting all my own money into this \$350,000 development. I'm not borrowing a dime."

Gianni, who is planning, designing and constructing his own center, plans to call it Torrance Town.

"I'm using a cottage effect in order to give it a homey neighborhood feeling," he said.

The center will contain a supermarket, drug store, medical office, dry cleaner, barber

shop, beauty shop, and sandwich shop.

**Market**  
 The Alsa (Always Save) Market, owned by Alex Michelsen of Los Angeles, will take up 20,000 sq. ft. of the 40,000 sq. ft. which will be under roof.

Ample parking for 300 cars will be available in the shopping center.

Construction started four months ago with completion date for the market set 30 days from now. The other stores are scheduled to open in about 90 days.

Soon Gianni will be able to look from his attractive Spanish-style house and see the hustle and bustle of a modern neighborhood shopping center—his shopping center on his own land.

But Susie, his Great Dane, and Chico, his palomino, will serve as constant reminders of another era which he loved and which he never wants to forget.

### NTCIA Will Meet Tonight

The August general meeting of the North Torrance Civic Improvement association will be held at McMaster hall, 174th and Yukon Thursday, August 1, at 8 p.m.

All members are invited to attend and hear the report of the nominating committee for the elective officers that will head the NTCIA for the coming year.

Election of the new officers will be held at the September meeting.

Refreshments will be served following the business meeting.

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## Local School District Receives Federal Funds

Local School District—24 2 C . . . Federal aid to education is a fact in Torrance due to the cooperation of the parents of children working on Federal projects, the teachers, an alert staff and board of education school officials stated.

School buildings financed by Public Law 815 since 1951 in Torrance include Wood school, Steele school, Crenshaw school and part of Carr school, Walteria school and \$900,000 worth of South High school.

According to Assistant Superintendent Waldrup, a total of \$2,508,060 of schools built or now under construction have been built with Federal grants. Notification of a new entitlement of \$1,510,000 has just been received by Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of the Torrance Unified district.

This has been the result of an attempt upon the part of the board of education to maintain local control of the building program through making our own bond funds go as far as possible with the aid of Federal grants." Joseph Arnold, president of the board stated.

Torrance is now in the state aid building program for elementary schools only.

The 26 school plants including three high schools that Torrance now has are the result of this policy according to Dr. Hull.

Dr. Warren Hamilton, who has been responsible for the preparation of the applications, and his close familiarity with every sentence and paragraph of Federal law and regulations, has helped Torrance to get funds under every application made here.

Torrance will be one of few districts in Los Angeles county to date to receive funds under the section of the law which

brought this last \$1,510,000 allocation for high school construction. This will bring the total building grants received since 1951 up to \$4,018,060, for which local tax payers can be thankful.

The Board of Education made the decision to send Dr. Hamilton to San Francisco to investigate Torrance's eligibility with Federal officials in spite of indications that we were not eligible. This \$1,510,000 is the result of that decision.

In addition to building funds, the Torrance School System has applied for and received annually better than \$142,000 per year for the past six years for operating costs.

This Federal operating money has relieved the local tax payer of a total of \$851,005.00 in operating costs. These funds have always been included in the annual budget and reduced the necessary operating tax rate set by the board of supervisors by that much.

With this most recent allocation according to Dr. Hull, it now appears that Torrance will be able to maintain its high school construction program as has been necessary for elementary schools.

This allocation will also speed up the high school building program, for which we can be thankful.

Federal funds, once granted, come through faster with less red tape and fewer delays than does state money, and unlike state funds does not have to be paid back with interest. In addition Federal grants so far have not attempted to control the educational decisions of the local Board of Education, according to local school officials.

The Torrance total of nearly five million dollars in Federal Funds from all sources has definitely helped the district over some of the problems created by the influx of people or take federal jobs in defence plants in the area, and the cooperation of parents, teachers and staff members in providing information has been of great help in keeping this Federal money coming to Torrance schools, officials indicated.

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 Tom Coulter (left), 109 East 214th st., Torrance, displays the scroll which he was presented by County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn (r) for writing the best article concerning his experiences aboard the USS Princeton. The presentation to Coulter was made at a meeting of the Board of Supervisors attended by Rear Admiral C. C. Hartman, USN, Commandant of the 11th Naval District.

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